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CRYPTOCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM, : Mail Stop AF
TRANSMISSION APPARATUS, AND
RECEPTION APPARATUS

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated November 15, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the following remarks.

In item 4 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Dai (U.S. 6,081,598). This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

The present invention provides a cryptocommunication system, method and program for ensuring the security of data transmission from third party attacks. The cryptocommunication system of the present invention includes a transmission apparatus and a reception apparatus. The cryptocommunication method and program of the present invention include a transmission operation and a reception operation.

Claim 1 recites the cryptocommunication system as including the transmission apparatus and the reception apparatus, claims 15-17 recite the transmission operation and reception operation of the present invention, and claim 18 recites the transmission apparatus of the present invention recited in claim 1.

The following discussion primarily focuses on the invention of claim 1, as the transmission operation recited in claims 15-17 corresponds to the operations that the elements of